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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already stated that the Government of India, on doubts being raised about the nutritious value of Vanaspathi, did appoint a special committee which has been working to test it for the last two years. I do not have an official record with me of the opinion expressed by that body. But I think I have recently read in one of the newspapers that it is not deleterious to health."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, is it not more advantageous to develop it as a cottage industry? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" These are all matters of particular opinions as to how particular industries are to be run. I cannot here give my views in the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the Congress policy that cottage industries should be encouraged, will it not be advantageous that the Government decide their policy regarding Vanaspathi? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" We have encouraged cottage industries, and we have got an officer for the development of cottage industries."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Have the Government, Sir, come to any definite conclusion with regard to the nutritious value of Vanaspathi so that people may either take it or reject it? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not think the report has yet come."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already stated that I happened to read some newspaper report, and I did say that I did not have an official record of the opinions expressed by that body which has been appointed by the Government of India to go into this matter."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Sir, is Vanaspathi in our Province produced out of the same kind of vegetable oils as that which is being produced in other Provinces? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I know groundnut oil is the most important basis for the manufacture of Vanaspathi in India."

The Annamalai University.

* 79 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether under the Annamalai University Act, an annual statutory grant is due to the University ; and, if so, what the amount is ;

(*b*) whether, besides the statutory grant, grants for other purposes have been made during the past twelve years ; and, if so, what the amounts and the purposes for which the grants have been made are (year-war) ;

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(c) whether before grants are made, statutory or otherwise, the financial condition of the University is examined;

(d) what has been the income of the University from various sources since 1939–40 (year-war);

(e) whether it is a fact that a large percentage of the income is transferred to investment funds;

(f) if the answer to (e) is in the affirmative, what the total of the investments at the end of 1948 was;

(g) whether the Government have provided grants to the University in 1949–50; and, if so, what the amounts and the purposes for which they are proposed to be made are; and

(h) why, in view of the large amounts at the disposal of the University, the Government have found it necessary to provide these grants?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—" (a) Yes; up to 1941–42, the block grant under section 43 of the Annamalai University Act stood at Rs. 1·5 lakhs a year. This was raised by Rs. 40,000 in 1942. Subsequently, additions were made due to the opening of the Engineering College and the revision of scales of pay of the Vice-Chancellor and the staff. The annual grant now paid is Rs. 4,99,000.

" (b) Yes, a statement[a] showing the amounts so sanctioned is laid on the table of the House.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) A statement showing the income of the University is laid on the table of the House.

" (e) & (f) Amounts are set apart for the following funds in accordance with the recommendations of the Finances Re-organization Committee of the University and the closing balance of the investments on 31st March 1948 was as under:—

	RS.
Annual Repair Fund	1,70,700
Building Fund	3,58,800
Gratuity Fund	11,700
Permanent Endowment Fund	70,00,000 *
Reserve Fund	4,800

" (g) In addition to the recurring grant mentioned in clause (a) above, provision has been made in the Budget Estimate for 1949–50 for grants for the following *non-recurring schemes*:—

RS.	
1,00,000	Engineering College buildings (final payment).
1,00,000	Construction of hostels.
1,50,000	Underground drainage.
37,500	Provision of work benches, etc., to the New Science Buildings.
3,87,500	Total.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 847–848 infra.

* Includes the sum of Rs. 20 lakhs endowed by the Founder and the sum of Rs. 27 lakhs given by the Government at the time of establishment of the University (Section 41 of the Act).

"(h) The grants were sanctioned as the Government were satisfied, after an examination of the University's finances, and its requirements, that the schemes concerned could not be financed from the income of the University."

11-45 a.m. SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know if, in spite of the large amounts at the disposal of the University, the Government still felt that its financial position was so bad that they should go to its help?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The University could not spend from out of its capital resources like the endowment fund and the interest from the endowment fund is not sufficient to meet the recurring requirements."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"Have the Government satisfied themselves that a large amount out of the recurring income is not being put into different funds not required by the statute?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I am not sure of that."

Alleged seizure of paddy in Kancheepuram taluk.

* 80 *Q.*—SRI P. S. SRINIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a lorry load of paddy belonging to a big landowner in the Kancheepuram taluk was seized by the authorities and kept in a village chavadi for a night; and

(*b*) whether the same was released after he got a letter alleged to have been given by the District Wholesale Co-operative Stores that the paddy was intended to be sold to them later on?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA:—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*) above."

Article under "Side Lights" published in the Swatantra *of 3rd December* 1949.

* 70-D *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has perused the correspondence relating to the purchase of a motor vehicle by an Assistant Secretary of the Madras Government published in the *Swatantra* of 3rd December 1949;

(*b*) whether the correspondence published is correct;

(*c*) which officer of the Government confirmed the sale of the motor vehicle to the Assistant Secretary; and

(*d*) whether there is any rule in the Government Servants' Conduct Rules or elsewhere, prohibiting the officer of the Secretariat from purchasing the properties of the Government in such circumstances?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Premier):—"(*a*) The correspondence in question has been brought to the notice of the Hon. the Premier.